

**FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES – January 17, 2017**

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**In attendance:**

Mitch Becker	Doug Wiles	Christy Ames-Davis	Amy Sakariassen
Brett Gurholt	Brian Beattie		

**Absent:**

Erik Dietrich	Doug Prchal	Carolyn Godfread	Nancy Guy
Stan Churchill			

The meeting was called to order at 12:28 p.m. by Doug Wiles. There was no quorum so approval of the minutes from the December meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

**Establish 2017 meeting schedule:**

It was determined at the December meeting that we will try doing quarterly meeting this year instead of monthly. The meetings will still take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and will be scheduled for the months of March, June, September and December. The group will receive email updates in off months.

**New Member Recruitment:**

Nicole Schwehr recently resigned from the board. This leaves an open position for a citizen member. A number of suggestions were made for potential new members including a landscape company owner, a banker, a representative from Bismarck schools, and a representative from the Homebuilder's Association or a neighborhood homeowner's association. Doug will make contact with some of the suggested people to gauge interest in becoming a board member.

**Board Member Term Expiration:**

Carolyn Godfread's current term expires March 31, 2017. Doug will contact Carolyn to gauge her interest in serving another term.

**Arbor Day Planning, Formation of Committee:**

Stan Churchill, Amy Sakariassen, and Brett Gurholt volunteered to be a part of the Arbor Day planning committee. Christy will contact the committee members to set up a time to meet early next month. Brian Beattie agreed to emcee Arbor Day ceremony, which will take place on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Other Items:**

For much of December and January Forestry crews have been assisting the street department in snow removal operations and have been unable to complete much rotational pruning.

Amy reported that Preservation North Dakota has received funding to do tree planting in the Cathedral district. How the grant will be administered is still in the works.

A flood recovery grant from the ND Forest Service to be used for tree work in Pioneer Park will not be completed. Due to the heavy snow crews are unable to get into the park to do the work without serious damage to the park's ground surface. The grant cannot be extended any further.

There was nothing further to report and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.